

Our World

- We pray that the peace of Christ would resonate through all Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers serving in five countries in the coming year. May each of us use the varied gifts God has given us to be "witnesses" to those we encounter in 2019.

- **Pray for the Unist'ot'en** In its *Declaration in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) affirms Indigenous rights to traditional territories and calls Mennonites to see Indigenous struggles against resource-extraction projects that lack Indigenous consent as "our struggle" (see www.commonword.ca/go/1717).

In northern British Columbia, the Unist'ot'en have peacefully protected their traditional territory from new gas pipelines over the last decade. This week state authorities, acting on a court injunction, arrested many persons to break the Unist'ot'en's land defense and to facilitate the construction of TransCanada's pipeline. Pray for the Unist'ot'en—the MWC states, "Their pain is also our pain." For more info and ways to support, see www.unistoten.camp.

- *If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact Dan Kehler or the church office.*

From the Worship Committee:

The weeks following Advent/ Christmas are identified as the Season of Epiphany- the Season of Light. After the church has long awaited the coming of the Messiah it is time to celebrate the coming of the Light and its movement toward God's Shalom. The journey for AMC this year has been discerned by the Worship Committee to be God's Shalom: Pathways to Reconciliation.

Jan 27- Shalom: Pathways to Peace within us

February 3 - with "the other"
Harry Huebner, Emeritas Professor of Interfaith Studies, CMU

February 10 – Shalom: Pathways to Wholeness

We look forward to the coming weeks with much anticipation. Further details will follow as we move through our journey.

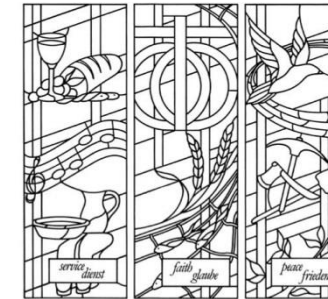
Altona Mennonite Church

Vision

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Purpose

*We seek to know God through Jesus, the center of our faith.
We seek to follow God in community, through worship, fellowship, and interpreting the Scripture from a Christ-centered point of view, in the Anabaptist tradition.
We seek to obey God by working toward peace and reconciliation, in the spirit of Jesus, reconciling all people to God, to each other, and to the world around them.*



Altona Mennonite Church

Christian Formation & Education - all ages: 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

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Shalom: Pathways to Reconciliation with our neighbours

GATHERING

Prelude

Hymn HWB #13 Blessed Jesus, at your word

Opening Words

Welcoming One Another/Announcements

Invocation

PRAISING

Hymn HWB #57 Come and give thanks to the Giver

Scripture: Psalm 148:1-13; 33:6-9, 13-15, 18-22

Praising God with our gifts and offerings

HEARING

Children's Time

Hymn HWB #346 Dona nobis pacem

Scripture: Matthew 5:6, 10

Hymn HWB #230 Blessed are the persecuted

Sermon Called to Action Steve Heinrichs

RESPONDING

Hymn HWB #410 Lord of light, your name outshining

Prayer

Benediction

Hymn SJ #67 Let there be light, Lord God

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

Worship Leader: Dan Kehler
Song Leader: Lori Hiebert
Accompanist(s): Loren Hiebert

We welcome Steve Heinrichs to our service today. Steve works for Mennonite Church Canada with Indigenous/ Settler Relations

WORSHIP & MEETING EVENTS at AMC

Jan. 22 7:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting
Jan. 27 8:45 am rehearsal for Eastview/Gardens
9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
Scripture: Matt. 10:34-39; Luke 1:76-79; 14:25-27 *Theme:* Season of Light - Pathways to Reconciliation – Security vs. Refuge
Worship Leader: June Schwartz *Song Leader:* Dave Regehr *Accompanist(s):* Hildie Regehr *Sound:* Perry Batchelor
Coffee: Karey & Andrea Hildebrand
Jan. 28 7:00 pm Women's evening
Feb. 3 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
Feb. 10 9:30 am Christian Education
11:00 am Worship Service
2:00 pm AGM
Feb. 24 AMC Retreat Day at Camp Assiniboia

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This afternoon, 2:30 pm - **Non-Indigenous, Canadian or Settler? Understanding ourselves, our history, in moving toward Reconciliation** - Presentation by Steve Heinrichs, Mennonite Church Canada staff for Indigenous-Settler Relations, followed by discussion. The Commons Barn, Neuberghthal (on PR 421, se of Altona)

- **January 28, 7 pm** – All AMC women are invited to an evening of self-care which will involve colouring, fellowship and snacks.

- **February 24 - AMC Retreat at Camp Assiniboia** is on Sunday, from 10 am – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$30.00 (adults), \$18.00 (ages 5 – 10) and free for ages 4 and under. Make cheques payable to Altona Mennonite Church, with Retreat in the memo area. Come out and join us for the day, starting with coffee and muffins at 10am, worship at 10:30am, then lunch and outdoor (and indoor) activities for the afternoon. **Sign up on the poster in the church entrance by February 10th.** If you require a ride to the camp or can offer a ride to someone, please indicate this on the sign up sheet. Hope to see you there!!

Birthdays: Jan. 23 – Mac Batchelor; Jan 25 – Murray Sawatzky

COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Southern Manitoba Choral Society invites all singers to join the choir on Tuesdays for its winter/spring season. First rehearsal is January 15, 7:00-8:45 pm in the W C Miller Collegiate music room. Registration is \$35.

- **MCI Information Nights** Interested in learning more about MCI? We invite prospective students & families to join us for dinner to learn what MCI has to offer! Connect with us on **January 24th** or **February 21st** at 6pm for dinner, followed by a presentation at 7pm. Register for supper by emailing info@mciblues.net or calling (204) 327-5891.

- Legacy by Anita Kroeger and Reverence by Michael Boss opening, 7:30pm, Fri. Jan. 25, MHC Gallery, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Jan. 25-March 9.

- Prospective students (and their parents) -- consider these opportunities to explore what CMU has to offer: **Friday, Feb. 2 Campus Visit Day** (a day to explore campus, learn about CMU programs, attend a class and interact with professors) and **Saturday, Feb. 9 Discover Outtatown** (CMU's unique discipleship, travel, service and learning program). For information go to cmu.ca/campusvisit.

- **February 11** - CMU presents **Face2Face: Let's Talk About Death...It Won't Kill You** at 7:00 PM, Marpeck Commons. Explore our fear of conversations about death *and* our culture's sometimes ghoulish obsessions involving death. Panel members include a casket maker, spiritual health practitioner, death café participant, and expert in culture and film studies. See cmu.ca/face2face.

- **March 2, 2019 - MCM Annual Gathering reminder** - The MCM Annual Gathering takes place on March 2 at Steinbach Mennonite Church.

- **Enrol in a CMU evening course** – for credit or audit. Options include: History of Indigenous Peoples in Canada; The Art of Preaching; Fundamentals of Marketing; The Detective in Fiction and Film; Principles and Paradigms of Youth Ministry... Seniors and alumni audit fees available. Go to cmu.ca/timetable for details.

Check Bulletin Board for Posters about...

- Bible Land Israel Tour Feb.5-14/19
- classes, newsletters.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Our Church family

- Pray for those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle.
- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with care.
- Keep Tim and Marlene Wiebe and family in your prayers as they deal with an aggressive return of Tim's cancer.
- Former member Karoline Klaassen passed away this week. The funeral will be held Monday at Sterling Mennonite Fellowship (1008 Dakota St.) at 10:30 am.

Our Community

- Pray for Ken Warkentin (MCM's Executive Minister), and all our church leaders at all levels of our conference.
- Pray for Doug Klassen (Mennonite Church Canada's Executive Minister).